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In re Application of:

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For: PRINTING CONTROL APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND PRINTING SYSTEM

) Examiner: Minh H. Chau

) Group Art Unit: 2854

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 3, 2002, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider and enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 34 and 42 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend Claims 27, 28, 32, 33, 35, 36, 40, 41, 43, and 44 as follows. A marked-up copy of Claims 27, 28, 32, 33, 35, 36, 40, 41, 43, and 44, showing the changes being